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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN VISIT

1. WHEN MEETING WITH VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING, I ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING NEW ON ANOTHER WEIZMAN VISIT. MUBARAK SAID GOE HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM WEIZMAN. SADAT, HE RECALLED, HAD INITIALLY ASKED WEIZMAN DEFER NEXT VISIT FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS OR SO BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS. MUBARAK HAD SUBSEQUENTLY REMINDED SADAT OF LATTER'S INTENTION VISIT UPPER EGYPT AND RED SEA AREA, HENCE SADAT HAD ASKED THAT THE VISIT BE DEFERRED FOR ABOUT ANOTHER TEN DAYS. THIS PERIOD WILL BE UP SOMETIME COMING WEEK. SADAT HAS NEVERTHELESS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT, IF WEIZMAN SHOULD INDICATE DESIRE TO COME DURING UPCOMING WEEK, HE SHOULD BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO GIANACLIS FOR TALKS WITH GAMASY. IN THAT CASE ISRAELI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM NOW AT TAHRA PALACE WOULD ALSO BE TAKEN THERE. ARRANGEMENTS COULD THEN BE MADE FOR A MEETING WITH SADAT EITHER IN CAIRO OR HURGHADA.

2. AS HE HAS PREVIOUSLY, MUBARAK AGAIN DENIED THAT SADAT OWES ISRAELIS ANY ANSWERS. HE INSISTED NEITHER WEIZMAN NOR BARAK HAD DURING LAST VISIT GIVEN SADAT ANY
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PIECE OF PAPER. AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY RELATED (CAIRO 9802), TALKS HAD DEALT MAINLY WITH WEST BANK/GAZA AND HE EXPANDED A BIT ON NATURE OF DISCUSSION. WEIZMAN AND BARAK HAD SOUGHT TO SOUND OUT SADAT ON HIS THINKING RE WEST BANK/GAZA. ON SECOND MORNING, AFTER A MEETING WITH GAZAN REPRESENTATIVES, SADAT HAD ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO GAZA SITUATION. HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT A COUNCIL MIGHT BE

ESTABLISHED THERE CONSISTING OF INDIGENOUS GAZANS WHO WOULD HANDLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS DURING INTERIM PERIOD UNDER SOME KIND OF JOINT ISRAELI/EGYPTIAN SUPERVISION. AT END OF INTERIM PERIOD SELF-DETERMINATION SHOULD BE PERMITTED. ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN MILITARY CAMPAIGNMENTS WOULD EXIST DURING INTERIM PERIOD. SADAT HAD SUGGESTED A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT FOR THE WEST BANK WITH JORDAN. IF HUSSEIN REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE, EGYPT WOULD BE WILLING TO DO SO.

3. ASKED BY BARAK WHETHER ISRAELIS/EGYPTIANS WOULD HAVE VETO OVER UNACCEPTABLE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, SADAT HAD SAID THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. BARAK ACCORDING MUBARAK, ALSO BROUGHT UP POSSIBILITY THAT COUNCIL MIGHT DECIDE TO BRING IN PALESTINIAN REFUGEES FROM OUTSIDE AND ASKED HOW THIS COULD BE CONTROLLED. SADAT HAD REPLIED THAT ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS, AS JOINT SUPERVISORS, COULD CONTROL ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENT, IF NECESSARY THROUGH THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE IN GAZA.

4. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES HAD BEEN BRIEFLY MENTIONED BY WEIZMAN, BUT NO RPT NO LANGUAGE HAD BEEN LEFT. SADAT HAD REPLIED THAT BEGIN SHOULD DO SOMETHING "GALLANT" AND PUBLICLY DECLARE WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW TO THE 67 BOUNDARIES AND IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTION 242 ON ALL FRONTS ON UNDERSTANDING ALL ARAB PARTIES SIT DOWN WITH ISRAEL TO SECRET

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DISCUSS LATTER'S SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. (THIS IS SIMILAR TO MUBARAK'S EARLIER ACCOUNT--PARA 5, CAIRO 9802.)

5. WEIZMAN HAD SAID EITHER BARAK OR HE MIGHT RETURN FOR A DAY OR SO FOR WHAT MUBARAK CALLED "TECHNICAL" TALKS. ASKED WHAT THIS MEANT, MUBARAK THOUGHT WEIZMAN HAD IN MIND EXPLORING FURTHER SOME OF THOUGHTS SADAT HAD PRESENTED FOR WEST BANK/GAZA. GOE, HE REITERATED, IS AWAITING WORD FROM WEIZMAN.

6. MUBARAK ALSO INDICATED CONTINUING PRESENCE OF ISRAELI MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS TEAM, WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO PROGRESS, IS CAUSING GOE SOME EMBARRASSMENT. TEAM OCCUPIES TAHRA PALACE, PRIME GUEST QUARTERS, WHICH IS THUS NOT AVAILABLE TO VIP VISITORS. TEAM MAY HAVE TO BE MOVED ELSEWHERE. I SAID THIS WAS GOE'S BUSINESS, BUT URGED THAT TEAM BE KEPT HERE TO FACILITATE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WEIZMAN AND GAMASY. MUBARAK AGREED TEAM SHOULD BE LEFT HERE.

7. COMMENT: MUBARAK'S ACCOUNT OF LAST SADAT/WEIZMAN TALK ON WEST BANK/GAZA IS SOMEWHAT BROADER THAN THAT WHICH HE

INITIALLY TOLD US. I DO NOT THINK HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE
ANYTHING FROM US ON THAT OCCASION, BUT SUSPECT THAT SINCE
HE WAS SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES, SIMPLY FORGOT SOME OF THE
DETAILS WHICH CAME TO MIND TODAY. EILTS

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